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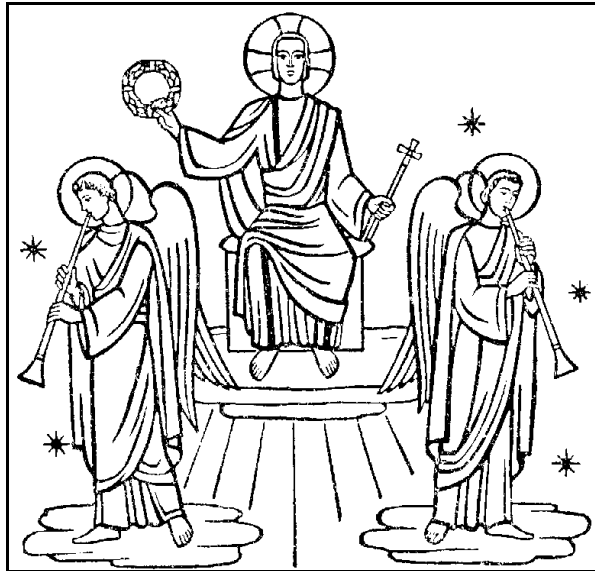
Agnus Dei is from the Mass by Josquin des Prez

K COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Dominus dabit benignitatem: et terra *The Lord will give goodness: and our earth*
nostra dabit fructum suum. *shall yield her fruit.*

Communion motet is "Rorate caeli" by Palestrina

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain a Just One. Let the earth open, and bring forth the Saviour like a fresh shoot. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord: and grant us Thy salvation. Come, Lord, and tarry not. Alleluia."



L POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prosint nobis, quaesumus, Domine, frequentata mysteria, quibus nos, inter praetereuntia ambulantes, iam nunc instituis amare caelestia et inhaerere mansuris. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

May these mysteries of which we partake be to our advantage, we beseech Thee, O Lord, since by them, as we journey on through this changing world, Thou dost teach us to love the things of heaven, and remain firm in the things which endure.

VESPERS AND BENEDICTION WILL BE SUNG HERE TONIGHT AT 6.30 P.M.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME

PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

Once again we begin a new Church Year today with the urgent call to prepare ourselves for Christ's Second Coming. Advent is a time of preparation. We tend to think of it first as a time of preparation for Christ's first coming at Christmas, but in fact it is only after we have first heard the

call to prepare ourselves for His Second and final Coming in glory that we turn back to remember His first coming in humility, and make ourselves ready in humility to receive Him into our hearts by making ourselves into the humble stable.



So today St. Paul exhorts the Roman Christians to "wake up now because our salvation is nearer now than when we first began to believe". Therefore, we must make our whole way of life a suitable preparation

for the coming of the Son of God on the Last Day. In the Gospel, our Lord also warns against being unready for His Second Coming. One day, perhaps sooner than we think, He is coming to judge all who have ever lived on the earth.

INTROIT

Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus in te confido, non erubescam: neque irideant me inimici mei: etenim universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur. *Psalm.* Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me.

To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded. Psalm. Show me, O Lord, Thy ways: and teach me Thy paths.

Introductory rite—see Mass book page 3.

Kyrie— from "Missa de Beata Virgine" by Josquin des Prez (1440-1521)

B COLLECT

Da quaesumus, omnipotens Deus, hanc tuis fidelibus voluntatem, ut, Christo tuo venienti iustis operibus occurrentes, eius dexterae sociati, regnum mereantur possidere caeleste. Per Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum.Per omnia saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Grant to Thy faithful people, we beseech Thee O Almighty God, this their desire, that hastening with good works to meet Thy Christ as He comes, and set at His right hand as His companions, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

C First Reading is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem. He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

D GRADUAL

Universi qui te exspectant, non confundentur Domine. V. Vias tuas, Domine, notas fac mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me.

All they, that wait on Thee, shall not be confounded, O Lord. V. Show, O Lord, Thy ways to me: and teach me Thy paths.

E Second Reading is taken from St. Paul's epistle to the Romans.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Verbum Domini. **R. Deo gratias.**

F GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Ostende nobis Domine misericordiam tuam: et salutare tuum da nobis. *Show us, O Lord, Thy mercy: and grant us Thy salvation.*

G A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

At that time: Jesus said to His disciples, As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they did not know until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of man. Then two men will be in the field; one is taken and one is left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one is taken and one is left. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Verbum Domini. **R. Laus tibi, Christe.**

CREDO I—see Mass book page 25 or 26
At the end of the Bidding Prayers we sing this ancient prayer to Our Lady.

We fly to thy protection, O holy Mother of God.

Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

7. **S**UB tú-um praesí-di-um confúginus, * sáncta Dó-i
Génitrix : nóstras depre-ca-ti-ónes ne despí-ci-as in ne-ces-
si-tá-tibus : sed a per-í-cu-lis cúntis líbe-ra nos sem-
per, Vírgo glo-ri-ó-sa et be-ne-dícta.

Offertory Motet "Ad te levavi" by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594)

"To Thee have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded."

H PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Suscipe, quaesumus, Domine, munera quae de tuis offerimus collata beneficiis, et, quod nostrae devotioni concedis effici temporali, tuae nobis fiat praemium redemptionis aeternae. Per Christum Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Receive, we beg Thee, O Lord, the gifts which we offer Thee from the good things that we have received from Thee, and grant that what Thou dost allow us for our temporal welfare may become for us the prize of eternal redemption.

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et iustum est, aequum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens aeternae Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum.

Qui, primo adventu in humilitate carnis assumptae, dispositionis antiquae munus implevit, nobisque salutis perpetuae tramitem reseravit: ut, cum secundo venerit in suae gloria maiestatis, manifesto demum munere capiamus, quod vigilantes nunc audemus exspectare promissum.

Et ideo cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum gloriae tuae canimus, sine fine dicentes:

It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty everlasting God.,

Who at His first coming humbly took flesh in fulfilment of the ancient covenant and opened up for us the path of eternal salvation, so that when He comes again in the glory of His majesty, we may at last manifestly obtain what now we await in earnest expectation.

Wherefore with angels and archangels, with thrones and dominations and with all the company of heaven, we sing the hymn of Thy glory, evermore saying:

Sanctus is from plainsong Mass XVII

San- ctus, * San- ctus, San- ctus Dóminus De- us Sá- ba- oth. Ple- ni sunt cœ- li et
ter- ra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in excél- sis. Bene- díctus qui ve-nit in
nó-mi-ne Dómini. Ho- sánna in excél- sis.